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THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR NAVY ARE LAID IN NAZARETH PORTLAND CEMENT!
Used for the bottoms of the following Battleships and Armed Cruisers:

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No better Portland Cement made in America than the Old Cried and Reliable "Nazareth." It has always stood the severest tests of the Government and all would-be competitors.

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LANDRETH'S RED ROCK TOMATO.

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Bright red, so exceedingly productive as to have produced twenty tons to the acre; healthy vine, large fruited, solid, smooth as an apple, free from crack or core. Every seed grown on Bloomsdale Farms.

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Men's Soles and Heels 75c

Ladies' Soles and Heels 65c

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"Overland" THE CAR THAT GETS THERE

The Overland engine is a wonderful creation. It is so automatic, so silent and powerful, so free from the usual troubles that it appeals to the average buyer.

Overland 35—Price \$1,000.

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FOR ALL

Occasions

Our facilities for manufacturing Ice Cream are unsurpassed and we are in a position to fill orders immediately upon receipt of same.

There is neither necessity or reason in sending your orders to distant points when we can supply you with as good or better Cream than you can possibly buy elsewhere. Anyone familiar with our Ice Cream will vouch for its superior quality.

Whether for family use, for parties, weddings or banquets we can supply all orders with satisfaction in every way. No order is too large or too small. Cream packed in bulk or in bricks—as you wish it. All the standard flavors.

Send us your next order.

Middletown Farms,

Middletown, Del.

Pure Dairy Products

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Call and let me give you an estimate before you give your order. I am in a position to give you the very best materials in all branches of the plumbing trade. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. I can do your

PLUMBING, STEAM FITTING,

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Or furnish you with a

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If you need anything in my line, a post card will bring me to your home.

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BY N. A. WILLIAMS

When Merkle failed to touch second, in the memorable game between Chicago and New York in 1908, it was Johnny Evers who called the umpire's attention to the blunder that cost the Giants a championship.

This was characteristic of the Chicago second baseman. He is conceded to be one of the greatest tacticians of the game. Nobody knows more about inside baseball.

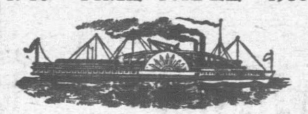
In collaboration with Hugh Fullerton, Mr. Evers has just put this knowledge into a remarkable book, called, appropriately enough, "Touching Second." The serial rights have been purchased by the Philadelphia North American, and "Touching Second" will appear in The North American prior to its publication in book form.

Seldom have instruction and entertainment been so cleverly combined as in this work. The diamond star who wants to play the game better, the youngster who wants to learn from the ground up, the fan who seeks to improve his knowledge of baseball, and wants a thousand questions answered, while at the same time reveling in hundreds of entertaining stories of diamond heroes, can all get what they want in this important contribution to baseball literature.

The history of the game, baseball law, personality of the players, how the various positions should be played, stories of notable games, exposition of the rules and a host of other themes are treated.

The first installment will appear in The North American of April 24th, and thereafter it will be a regular Sunday feature. Order your North American from your newsdealer now.

1910 TIME TABLE 1910



The Iron

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Captain H. V. Woodall

WILL LEAVE

Odessa for Philadelphia

AND RETURN FROM

Arch Street WHARF,

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Put a little salt in the daily meal of the hog. Not too much, but a little daily for best results.

Hogs should not be permitted to sleep in the dust. It may cause mange and lung trouble.

A bushel of corn will make as much pork or beef on your farm as it will in any other section of the country.

Protect sheep from cold rains. The fleece will hold a large amount of water, and it takes a long time to dry.

Let every farmer aim for better hogs. He is getting started right when he buys a few pure bred sows, or a pure bred boar.

To prevent rust, plows, cultivators, mowers, rippers and other implements of the like should have their steel surfaces rubbed over with oil.

If you are not getting along well with your farming, ask yourself what the matter is. Try and probe the trouble to the bottom. Make sure the failures are no fault of your own.

For roof paint, mix 35 parts of powdered, clay shale, 30 of powdered mica slate, 35 of powdered American rosin, with half the quantity of pure coal tar and boil until an easily brushable mass is obtained.

Perhaps with no other staple crop can the farmer gain so much by his careful preparation for the market as with potatoes. Both for the local market and for shipping, medium sized potatoes that do not vary much in size are more readily salable than those that vary much in size in the same lot.

If your potatoes are not uniform in size it will pay to grade them, putting the large ones in one lot and the medium sized ones in another, leaving out all of the very small ones. After digging it is well to allow the potatoes to lie on the ground till well dried off, usually from one to two hours, so that the dirt will stick to them. This improves their looks very materially. Bruised or cut potatoes should be carefully excluded from those intended for market. By never marketing anything but sound and uniform sized potatoes a farmer can soon build up a reputation that will be of cash value to him, as dealers are usually willing to pay more than going prices for potatoes which they know to be all right. The same can be said of communities. If all the farmers of a community grow the same variety, the best one adapted to that locality, and for which there is a good demand, buyers will soon become aware of the fact and more of them will come to bid for them and the farmers will get better prices.

A good rack for feeding sheep can be made by almost any sensible farmer. About all that is needed is a support for the hay so that it shall not fall to the ground and be wasted and also be handy for the sheep to get at.

In selecting and buying ewes be very careful not to get disease. Watch for scab. They should always be dipped before leaving their old yards, and if possible, dipped again on reaching the new home. Look for ewes that show good breeding.

There is a fortune in hogs for all of us if the present high prices hold until we can raise the valuable animals. It should be borne in mind, however, that in these later days it is not safe to allow one's pigs to roam.

There are items of expense to the farm that should be credited rather than debited. To see farmers buying in the markets things that could and should be grown on the farm shows lack of forethought. It is no uncommon thing for farmers living near towns to buy their garden vegetables, whereas every one of these can be produced at home. By growing these greater opportunities will be given to purchase more of such as cannot be grown. Even fruits, especially the small fruits, are chiefly had in the market.

Lots of warmth in good corn. Fine for cold days.

Egg shells are largely lime. The hens can't make good shells unless you furnish plenty of lime.

Three things are essential to heavy egg production. Early pullets start laying early and keep it. Good food can be supplied in winter in the form of cabbage leaves, mangels, steamed alfalfa or clover. No better meat can be found than green ground bone. Commercial feed scraps are very good.

Guinea fow is low to the best when treated on the let-alone principle. They have a natural inclination to wander in the field and seek their own food. If given a wide range, such as they can have on a farm, they care little for the feeds of domestication, wandering forth early and staying abroad late, during all the year when they can find good seeds, green stuff and insects to eat.

Many who keep poultry overlook the importance of grit. Lack of grit means poor digestion and few eggs. A load of gravel near the chicken house would improve the health and increase the egg yield on many a farm. It is claimed that the grit of commerce is the best, but the gravel is good enough grinding material. If you have never tried it you will be surprised how fast it will disappear when placed in a box where the hens can help themselves.

A weak solution of turpentine poured down the water pipes once a week will drive the water bugs away.

A clean floor sweep spread on the table and well floured is an excellent substitute for a bread board.

FIRE INSURANCE

Town Property, Farm Buildings, and Stock

TORNADO INSURANCE

Insure now against damage from wind storms

Life and Accident Insurance

GEORGE D. KELLEY,

Middletown, Del.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Distillers say that asparagus contains much nutriment, is very digestible and easily assimilated, even by invalids, though it is not good for persons with a gouty tendency.

When selecting this vegetable remember that if the cut end is brown and dry and the heads bent toward one side it is stale. Of course asparagus is at its best when fresh from the garden, but it can be kept fairly well for one or two days by setting the lower part of the stalks in cold water.

Before cooking remove a small part—about an inch—from the lower end of each stalk, where it is hard and coarse. Wash the stalk carefully and tie them together again in bundles. Some cooks let asparagus lie in cold water for a little while before cooking. Others believe that the kettle used for boiling should be deep enough to allow the bundles of asparagus to stand upright. This keeps the stalks tender, which cook so much quicker than the stalks, out of water. Still other cooks keep the tips of the vegetable out of water for only the first 10 minutes of cooking.

The color of the vegetable is generally supposed to keep better if the smallest possible pinch of baking soda be added to the water. Let the vegetable cook 20 minutes, or till tender, not till soft or spongy. Instead of tying in a bundle the vegetable may be cut in inch pieces, then the tips, as they get done, may be removed from the water before the other pieces. A certain French chef treats boiled asparagus as follows: After draining the vegetable set it in rows with minced parsley and hard-boiled egg yolk mixed together. Then over the rows sprinkle fine bread crumbs combined with brown butter in the proportion of one ounce of crumbs to four ounces of butter.

When trying hot fat may be spilled on the floor. In that case at once pour cold water on it. The cold water will cause the fat to harden, when it can be taken up with a knife, instead of being allowed to sink into the wood or stone of the floor.

A busy housewife can save herself and her maid a great deal of labor by covering all the larder, cupboard and scullery shelves with oilcloth. This is easily kept clean.

Netmags should always be kept starting from the blossom end. They grate better that way.

The ribs of a discarded umbrella may be utilized for tying up tall and willow palms in pots.

Most housekeepers are agreed that better work can be accomplished by using a heavy iron than a light one.

When boiling fresh potatoes try putting a sprig of mint in the water to give a delicious flavor to the vegetables.

Cream to be whipped must be one day old. No sugar should be added either before or after it is beaten. The sweetening should be in the pudding or cake with which it is served.

A delicious way of cooking shad roe is to bake it in the oven with a tomato sauce. Boil the roe for ten minutes in salted water, then drain and cover with cold water. Let it stand for ten minutes. Meanwhile, prepare a tomato sauce according to a favorite recipe. Butter a small baking dish, put the roe into it and cover with the sauce. Bake them for three-quarters of an hour in a moderately hot oven, basting them with the sauce that is around them once or twice every fifteen minutes. Then serve very hot.

If your furniture has grown streaked and dull, try rubbing it with flannel dipped in equal parts of turpentine and coal oil. It polishes quickly and much more cheaply than the expensive polishes.

When paring any kind of fresh fruit, if the hands are washed off immediately with cold water instead of being washed in warm water and soap, there will be very little danger of unsightly stains.

A good home-made furniture polish is composed of linseed or salad oil and vinegar. Mix well with a stick until the oil does not float on the surface. Apply with a flannel and rub off with linen.

If powdered silver polish is mixed to a thin paste with olive oil, well rubbed into every crevice of the silver and left for a few hours, the silver after being washed in the usual way will be bright and free from stain.

Instead of cold deviled eggs, try these: Stuff in usual way, put two halves together, dip in egg and bread crumbs and fry at the last minute in boiling fat. Serve on round silver platters with a center of green peas and a border of thick tomato puree.

Keep a clean stone, as large as a walnut, in a convenient place in your kitchen, and when you are ready to pour your coffee off drop it into the pot and it will carry the grounds to the bottom, leaving the coffee clear.

Ammonia and water will remove red ink stains.

One cake of compressed yeast is equal to a cupful of liquid yeast.

Borax wet with peroxide of hydrogen will often remove black ink stains.

Nickle may be kept bright by being rubbed with wool saturated in ammonia.

A few shreds of candied orange peel will give a delicious flavor to a bread pudding.

Sweet pickles, chopped and spread between sliced bread makes appetizing sandwiches.

All hard to fry fritters and doughnuts must be steaming hot before putting in the batter.

A few drops of lemon juice added to eggs when they are being scrambled improves the dish.

Alcohol and whiting make a good silver polish, excellent also for polishing plate glass mirrors.

Black lead mixed with vinegar will be found to give a specially good polish to the kitchen stove.

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Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:05 p.m.
Going South—7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4:05 p.m.
For Newark, Camden and Philadelphia 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APRIL 23, 1910

Local News

May flowers soon.
Straw hats will soon be ripe.
Garden planting still continues.
Do your spring white-washing early.
The proverbial April showers have arrived.
Spring chickens will soon be besieging the local markets.
Bulk Garden Seed at
EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.
The price of fish remains high owing to the advanced price in meat.
FOR RENT—Pneumatic Cleaner. Makes housecleaning easy. J. H. EMMERSON.
FOR RENT—The "Solway Stable" East end of Main street. G. E. HUKILL.
Choice Seed Oats for sale at
EVANS' EXCHANGE.
I pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of Fur. W. C. JONES.
Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.
Northern Ground Seed Potatoes. Prices right. At EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.
If you use Pillsbury's Best Flour, let us have your order.
MIDDLETOWN FARMS, INC.
The dwelling of Mrs. Vallandigham on East Main street is being brightened with a fresh coat of paint.
Watermen report that crabs are on the move. This should mean the early arrival of this popular table delicacy.
Post Card Headquarters, all kinds, local views. One cent up.
BURSTAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE.
LAUNDRY—Send your laundry to Turner Bros., Wilmington, for first-class work. J. WILLIAM BURSTAN, Agent.
FOR SALE—A Deering binder, 7-foot cut, in good condition; will be sold cheap. Apply to D. R. RAY.
Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs. W. C. JONES.
All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausage, Serrano and Lard constantly on hand. W. C. JONES.
This is the year to grow good crops, but to do so you must plant good seed. Get them at BANNING'S.
Our personal column can be made more complete and interesting if our readers will send notices of entertainments and visitors.
Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis has been appointed Surgeon for the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to succeed the late Dr. T. A. Enos, of Townsend.

We can now supply you with Bran, Middlings or Sorghum Horse Feed. We would be pleased to have your order.
MIDDLETOWN FARMS, INC.
Just received a carload of Agate, China, Wooden Willow and Glassware to be sold at half price. Everything needed for the home.
BURSTAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE.
Wheat and grass have been greatly benefited by the numerous rains of the past week, and a few warm days are needed now to enable vegetation to get a start.
Stored in our Warehouses all kinds of FERTILIZERS for SPRING CROPS. Send your terms and we will give them prompt attention. JESS L. SHEPHERD, Phone 5.
Asparagus is now being shipped from all sections of the State to different city markets. Many farmers have large patches of this vegetable and good prices are received.
Linemen of the Bell Telephone Company have been at work this week stringing several lines of wire from Middletown to Centerville, Md. The new wires are of copper.
Have your Live Stock Insured against death from any cause, in the Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Insurance Co. For rates write to JOHN J. JOLLY, Agent, Middletown, Delaware.
It is a good and safe rule to sejour in every place if you mean to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or speaking a true word or making a friend.
The golden yellow of the dandelion sprinkled over the green of the grass suggests to us coins of gold nestling among beds of greenbacks, which thoughts are more mercenary than poetical.
We now have on hand for sale 3000 good chestnut wire fence posts. Let us have your order and we will reserve the posts for you until you are ready to use them. J. F. McWHORTER & Son.
After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3:30 to 5; Friday, 7 to 8:30; Saturday, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30, for school children exclusively.
Just at this season one doesn't know whether he prefers to be sorry he wore his overcoat because it makes him warm or to regret leaving it at home because he misses the convenience of having five extra pockets.
EGGS FOR SETTING—Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, by the setting or hundred. My stock of birds is the best money can buy, and as winter layers the Reds stand at the top of the bunch. Write your wants to C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.
WANTED—A girl to learn telephone operating in Middletown. Apply in letter or person to.
DIAMOND STATE TELEPHONE CO., Middletown, Del.
Constantly on hand, all sizes of the Best Vests and best prepared Hard Coal, for Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also Cord Wood sawed to stove length, \$2.00 for carload. If you have not been using our coal, try it and be happy. G. E. HUKILL.
PREPARE FOR WINTER'S COMFORT by giving your orders now for WILBUR'S CELEBRATED HIGH-GRADE LEHIGH COAL for April delivery TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE at April Prices. ALWAYS IN STOCK. Satisfaction guaranteed. FREE FROM DIRT. Cord Wood sawed to fit your stove. Phone 5. JESS L. SHEPHERD.

TO HIRE—A Vacuum cleaner. Apply to W. J. WITSON.

Mr. Charles W. Jones has bought the lot and stable of William J. Ellison, adjoining the old shirt factory.
Every good citizen should attend the town meeting on Tuesday evening next. See announcement in another column.

On account of the prevailing high prices of poultry and other meats, many of our townsmen are going to raising chickens for their own use. Chickens are now selling at 18 cents per pound all the highest ever before known in the local market.

There's a new doctor come to our town—very new in fact. The firm now is Dr. Edward M. Vaughan and Son. The youthful Ecunapius arrived Friday evening—just in time to be counted by the census enumerator. Mother and son are doing finely.

Seven pupils of the Middletown High School will graduate in June. They are: Misses Martha Voelkel, Agnes Musgrove, Rebecca Collins, Estella Beaton, Lena Weber and Messrs. Rupert Burstan and Alfred Connelley. The date for the commencement has not been announced.

The Queen Esther Circle of Bethesda M. E. Church will present two laughable comedies, "Troubles at Satterlee's" and "Maidens all Forlorn," in the Middletown Opera House, on Friday evening, May 6th. Tickets are now on sale at Letherbury's.

Mrs. E. G. Allee handed us last week an old copy of the "Perry County Freeman," published at New Bloomfield, Pa., and bearing date Aug. 6th, 1874. Among other items of interest, is one calling attention to the \$20,000 reward offered by the Governor of the State for the capture of the abductors of Charlie Ross.

LOST—Lady's small open faced silver watch, Tuesday evening, April 19th, no value to anyone but owner. Somewhere between A. Fogel's on J. B. Messick's street and the residence of Alfred G. Cox. Finder will please leave same at the office of Alfred G. Cox.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 14th: Mr. Mary Rice, Miss Janice Tristie, Mrs. Lina Whittington, Mr. Richard Brown, Mr. Sammy Loyd, Mr. Chas. Osborne, Mr. Willie Smith.

The last trace of the Millington, (Md.), fire was removed last week, when the fence around the Quaker Cemetery, which was destroyed by that conflagration, was replaced by a handsome new one. Millington is now one of the most progressive towns on the Shore.

A meeting of those interested in the No-Licenses cause in St. George's hundred will, be held at the office of Joseph H. Enos in the town of Odessa, on Monday evening, April 25th, 1910, at 8 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to effectually organize the temperance forces of this hundred. Able speakers will be present to discuss the issue.

Hundreds of herring have been salted throughout the county during the past week. While many do not care for this variety of the finny tribe other than when just out of the water, many barrels of them are salted down each year. They are sold on the shores as low as twenty-five cents a hundred.

Passenger train No. 45, arriving here at 4:31 o'clock, killed a valuable water buffalo belonging to Alexander Maxwell on Tuesday afternoon just north of the Frogtown crossing. The man who had been working the horse had taken it from the wagon, and at the time the accident occurred the animal was on its way to the stable.

While many are of the opinion that fruit was slightly hurt during the recent cool spell, fruit growers declare that it is not harmed in the least. The high winds which prevailed during the coldness prevented that cold, frosty stillness in the atmosphere which is so dangerous to buds and blossoms. Growers still have fears, however, of later cool weather or slight frosts.

With the automobile season now well under way, persons using the public roads of the county should remember the following rule of the road: That when an automobile approaches a team from the rear the team should pull to the right of the road and allow the machine to pass on the left. The observance of this rule might often save serious accidents.

One of your "mere men" who can't mail his wife's letters until about work out with carrying in his pocket, and can't carry a female message straight for the life of him, got the notice to THE TRANSCRIPT given him by one of the ladies announcing the Musical on Friday night at the residence of Mrs. M. B. Burris, all mixed up and also forgot to mention the very important fact that Pool's Orchestra was to give a part of the program. The wretch has owned up and this lets THE TRANSCRIPT out.

Owing to the advanced price of meat, farmers are holding their Spring lambs for higher markets. Buyers are offering five dollars and better now, but many raisers are of the opinion that they will go much higher before the city demands are filled. Combined with the high prices, growers have had excellent success with their sheep, as there have been few deaths of young lambs from the cold, and the pastures have been open practically all of the year.

Mrs. F. H. Moore gave a very interesting paper on "Porto Rico," at Tuesday's meeting of the New Century Club. Because of the absence of expected participants, no other papers were given. The subject was to have been "Our Possessions." The regular monthly business meeting was held. The Club has been invited to hold next Tuesday's meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles G. Ash, at Delaware City, and a number of members will accept Mrs. Ash's invitation.

Three Commissioners Resign
Three of our Light and Water Commissioners handed their resignations to the Secretary of the Town Commissioners Wednesday afternoon. The gentlemen retiring are: Messrs. Martin B. Burris, John S. Cronch and William Brockton, and their successors will be elected at the annual election to be held on Monday, May 24.

The resignation of these gentlemen is to be regretted by every good citizen who has the welfare of the town at heart, and every effort should be made to elect good business men as their successors.

The only reason given by the Commissioners for resigning is their inability to devote as much time to the management of the affairs of the plant as it requires.

PERSONALS

Mr. C. P. Cochran was in Wilmington Wednesday.
Mrs. E. P. Burnham, of Wilmington, is visiting relatives here.
Mrs. Minnie Conwell Carpenter is the guest of friends and relatives here.

Misses Mary Richards and Mary Beaton spent Saturday in Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Northrup spent Sunday with her parents near Farnhurst.

Mrs. J. B. Donovan and Mrs. S. H. Duryea spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.
Mrs. Ella Pennington, of Philadelphia, was the guest of relatives in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. LeaFevre, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives here.
Mrs. John C. Green returned Thursday, after spending several weeks at Atlantic City.

Miss Pauline Frazier, of Wilmington, spent this week with her cousin, Miss Mildred Redgrave.
Mrs. Paul R. Smith, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Beck.

Miss Sarah M. Colleen, of Wilmington, is spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Colleen.
Mrs. Daniel Bacon and son Leon, of Wilmington, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crouch.

Mr. Oscar Miner, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miner, over Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Schroeder and daughter, of Bethlehem, Pa., are visiting her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis.

Mr. Leon deValinger has accepted a position in Wilmington, and will move his family to that city next week.
Mr. E. S. Jones attended the annual state meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Maryland, at Chestertown, this week.

Mrs. Isaac Green and Mrs. William H. Green and children, of Philadelphia, were guests of relatives in and near town part of this week.
Mrs. R. N. Flinn, of Newport, and Miss Ethel Gill spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ellison, near Chesapeake City.

Messrs. Grant Rowbotham, of Philadelphia, and Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. Samuel Price and family over Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones and Mr. and Mrs. George Dickinson attended the funeral of Mrs. Jones' brother, Mr. James Voelkel, at Millington, Md., on Wednesday.

Mrs. F. E. Comery, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Misses Dora, Justine, Justine, Helen Brady, Elizabeth Price and Agnes Clark attended the performance of the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania, given in Wilmington last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Petherbridge celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home, No. 6 Slocum street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Friday evening, April 22d. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Cox and niece Ruth B. Gillespie, of this town, attended the anniversary.

25th Wedding Anniversary
A large number of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Stanley assembled at their home on East Main street Thursday evening, to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of our worthy Chief and his good wife.

Friends were present from Dover, Wilmington and this town, and many telegrams were received from other places, offering congratulations. Vocal and instrumental music added enjoyment to the happy reunion, after which refreshments were served. One of the guests offered the following congratulatory greeting:

"It is twenty-five years ago—does it seem possible that time has stolen so swiftly away since our friends entered the race of life together? 'Tis to congratulate them upon having won the silver plate that we are here. For a quarter of a century has this happy team run smoothly toward until the winning post was reached. Now, ladies and gentlemen, let us congratulate the winners and let us hope that upon starting off for the gold plate they may be just as easy winners. Let us then, as we wish our dear friends success, not forget to point out to any married ones present the charming idyll which has been lived in the lives of those whom we meet to honor, and suggest to them the happy idea of emulating such a charming example. God bless them."

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES
The Methodist Brotherhood at its regular meeting last Friday night appointed members for the ensuing month: Morning, Julian G. Cleaver, Harold Wilson, J. H. Emerson. Evening, M. Banning, W. B. Kates, J. J. Northrup, Taylor Barnett. Leaders of the 9:30 devotionals: April 24th, J. H. Emerson; May 1st, Reese L. Darlington; May 8th, J. J. Northrup.

At the recent session of the Wilmington Annual Conference a commission of leading ministers was appointed to look into the matter of losses in church membership during the last ten years. As this is a matter of so much importance to all churches Bethesda will hold an inquiry of its own next Wednesday evening, and it is hoped an interesting and profitable discussion will follow. The subject will be opened by addresses by Martin B. Burris, Esq., and Rev. W. H. Hutchins, and then be open to general discussion.

The "Evening with the Conference Minutes" held in the lecture room on Wednesday evening last was most enjoyable.

Valuable Farm for Sale
I will sell at public sale at the Middletown Hotel, on Saturday, April 30th, at two o'clock P. M., the "Drummond Farm," containing 400 acres, and situated in Middle Neck, Cecil County, Md. The farm will be sold in two parts, and I will gladly give prospective purchasers all information concerning division lines, terms, etc.

JOHN D. GILL, Agent.
Not A Candidate
I desire through the columns of THE TRANSCRIPT to inform my friends and the public, that I am not a candidate, (nor ever have been), for the office of Light and Water Commissioner for the Town of Middletown.

Respectfully,
Geo. V. PERRYMAN, Middletown, Del., April 23d, 1910.

Tax-Payers' Meeting
A meeting of the tax-payers of Middletown will be held in the Town Council Room on South Broad street, on Tuesday, April 26th, 1910, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of discussing and nominating candidates to be voted for at the Light and Water election, to be held on Monday, May 2d, 1910. All tax-payers are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting. By order of N. J. WILLIAMS, President. JOSEPH HANSON, Secretary.

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THE KING'S CARNIVAL

A Pleading Program Rendered by Local Talent

The performance given on Monday and Tuesday evenings by the New Century Club, under the direction of Miss McCloskey, was very entertaining and amusing. All the parts were well taken, even the tiny ones doing remarkably well. Perhaps the "Swing Song" would be called the prettiest, though it is hardly fair to pick out any one part as being the best, when all were so good. The Minstrel part was exceedingly funny, when "Miss Parthenia Tongue," a well known young man, made a decided hit, and showed that he understood the use of the powder-puff and hand-glass. The program was as follows:

Opening Chorus—Company; Solo—Mrs. Vinyard and Company; Song and Oake Walk—Grace Williams and Marion Vinyard; "Blind Pig"—Gwendolyn Gary, Purnell McWhorter, Jr.; "Has anybody been seen Kelly?" Parthenia Tongue; Duett, Euphonia Thundercloud and Birdie Blennerhassett; Song—Garden of Eden, Mr. Joseph C. Parker, Jr. The "Eed Ladies in the minstrel circle were—Grace Williams, Prudence Lewis, Nan Spurgeon, Taylor Barnett, Marion Vinyard, Louise Eichenbush.

King's Carnival—King, Mr. George Javvier; Queens, Mrs. J. C. Stites; Ladies in waiting, Mrs. C. M. Cochran, Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mrs. Corbis Vinyard, Misses Eliza Green, May Holten, Mrs. Winland, Elizabeth Lindsey, Laura Collins.

Gentlemen of the Court—Jean Shallcross, Alfred Connelley, Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Benjamin Gibbs, Edwin Shallcross, Irving Roberts, James Lockwood, Arthur Holliday, and John Hakitt.

Court Jester—Phil Vinyard, Tots Reception—Lady Mary, Chaperone; Frances Armstrong, Corrine Vassant, Gwendolyn Gary, Laura Armstrong, Rogers Fouracre, Laura Fogel, Junior McWhorter, Richard Cochran, Margaret Ritchie, Leah Swain.

"Monkey Honeycomb"—Rebecca Collins, Helen McDowell, Elizabeth Wood, Elizabeth Wood, Elizabeth Gibbs, Laura Connelley, Charlotte Pevelley; "Soldiers"—Lee Vinyard, Lacey Swain; Elmer Kirk, George Minner, William Myers, Francis Pinder, Claude Fouracre, Frank Jones; "College Boys"—Lemont Jones, Alex. Berkman, Theodore Whitlock, Willie Gallagher, Carson Seigelken, John Gallagher, Frank Tyson, Crawford David, Delbert Gallagher, Carl Jones; "Rose Scene"—Willie Rosenberg, Mildred Redgrave, Esther Williams, Elva Marker, Alma Whitlock, Frances Cochran, Mildred Freeman, Edith Ellison, Lelia Pratt, Mildred Vaughan, Odell Gallagher, Marion Daniels, Grace Williams, Clara Gallagher.

"Cow Boys"—Clarence Weber, Albert Jolls, Elmer Vinyard, Charles Myers, Charles Ritchie, Harry Seigelken, Shelley Myers, Bruce Whitlock; "Spanish Moon Dance"—Miriam Berkman, Roy Whitlock, Bertha Manlove, Alice Cochran; Song, "Take Your Hands Away," Willie Gallagher, Marion Vinyard.

"Chinese"—Lola Ingram, Estelle Beaton, Blanche Deakney, Elma Deakney, Arthur Holliday, Irving Roberts, Alfred Connelley, Benjamin Gibbs.

"Little Girl in Blue"—Mrs. Louise Cochran, May Holten, Eliza Green, Mary Nowland, Elizabeth Lindsey, Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Edwin Shallcross, Jean Shallcross, James Lockwood, Taylor Barnett; Song "A. B. C. of U. S. A.," Irving Roberts, Blanche Deakney.

"Swing Song"—Elizabeth Wood, Helen McDowell, Laura Connelley, Rebecca Collins, Elizabeth Gibbs, Charlotte Pevelley, Benjamin Gibbs, Irving Roberts, Arthur Holliday, Alfred Connelley, John Hakitt, Edwin Shallcross. Music furnished by Pool's Orchestra.

The members of the Club are delighted with the success of the entertainment financially, having cleared \$190.00, of which one-half goes to the Club and one-half to Miss McCloskey, who so successfully drilled the participants, and to whose untiring labors this successful issue is chiefly due.

Entertained Her Friends
Miss Mildred Redgrave entertained a number of her little friends on Saturday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Pauline Frazier, of Wilmington, and Miss Lydia Redgrave, of Middle Neck, Md. Many games were indulged in, chief of which was the peanut race. Miss Kelli Gillespie received the girl's prize, a pair of vases, for carrying the largest number of peanuts without dropping any, while the boy's prize, a penknife, was awarded to Shelly Myers. Sandwiches, brick cream, cake and mince were served.

These present were Frances Beaton, Marion Vinyard, Ruth Gillespie, Elizabeth and Katherine Alexander, Margaret Pleasant, Mildred Freeman, Charles Ritchie, Allan Johnson, Frank Tyson, Charles Kelly, Gilbert Pleasant, Charles, Shelly and William Myers.

Delaware College Debate
The two literary societies of Delaware College held a debate in the oratorio of the college Tuesday evening, the subject being "Resolved, That labor unions on the whole are detrimental to the best interests of the working people in the United States." The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

The affirmative side was debated by the Delta Phi Society, which was represented by William Jones Bratton, '10; Samuel Tammany, '12, and Esmont Horn, '10. The negative side was debated by the Athenaeum Society, which was represented by William Perkins Shakespeare, '11; Howard Taylor Ennis, '12, and John Vaughn Ennis, '11. The debate was of a high order and the arguments well presented.

The first prize was awarded to W. J. Bratton and the second to Esmont Horn.

WARWICK
Miss Blanche Wright has been spending a few days with friends in Elton.

Miss Wills Aldin and friend, of Earlville, spent Friday with Mr. R. B. Merritt, Sr.

Mr. Edward Spear spent one day last week with his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Wilson.

Miss Ella Vinyard is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Eliza Ginn, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sterling Evans, of Elton, were the guests of Dr. Gaylan Wright over Sunday.

CENSUS TAKERS AT WORK

Census enumerators all over the United States began their work last Friday and are expected to finish their districts within fifteen days. It is neither a very easy, or a very agreeable or profitable job. The enumerators, for the time being, are representative of the U. S. Government, and as such they ought to be treated courteously, and their questions answered without any hesitation or evasion; furthermore, their time is valuable, and they should not be unnecessarily delayed.

Farmers and manufacturer have been furnished with blanks, in advance, so as to secure prompt and accurate information. These blanks should be studied, and the answers made as accurately as possible. There are good and sufficient reasons for asking every question; if there were not, the questions would not be asked. It is not necessary that every body should know why the information is desired, nor are the enumerators supposed to spend their time in trying to make explanations.

All the information asked for is strictly confidential. The enumerators are under binding oath not to reveal anything that is reported to them; they do not make the questions, but the same questions are asked all over the United States, from everybody, the questions varying, of course, according to the business one is engaged in.

Do not be stubborn, or evasive, in your answers. Get rid of the enumerator as soon as possible. Refusal to answer may get you into trouble; not with the enumerators, but with the government.

COUNTY ROADS
County Engineer James Wilson sent the following letter to the supervisors of the county Monday, calling their attention to the duty of dragging unimproved roads:

"On the receipt of this please get out your plunk drag, and drag all roads put in shape last year by the steel scraper. Drag after each rain and drag thoroughly. Do not neglect this nor postpone it. Open any ditch that may hold water, and make the bottom of the ditch so all the water will run off. Report any place needing pipe or any culvert needing repair."

This is the second letter that has been sent out this spring calling the attention of the supervisors to the request in the general order that was sent out the early part of the year, and which has been sent out semi-annually for several years. This is the plan the commissioners have adopted for keeping the unimproved roads in good condition, and an effort will be made to get the supervisors to do the work as directed without forcing them to carry out the orders of the Levy Court.

ODESSA
Mr. Frank Reed spent Sunday in Baltimore.

Miss Edna Ewell was a Wilmington visitor last week.

Mrs. G. E. Coppage is spending sometime in Wilmington.

A reception was given Rev. J. H. Gray and wife Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lewis Holten is spending this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Frederick Wiest, of Trenton, N. J., is spending this week with relatives here.

Mrs. Wheeler, of Camden, N. J., visited Mrs. Annie B. Berry several days last week.

Mr. L. Barwick, of Kennedysville, Md., visited her sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens, a few days this week.

Miss Esther Gray, of Newark, is spending sometime with her brother, Rev. J. Howard Gray and wife.

The League of Service of Drawers Presbyterian Church tendered Mrs. Julia Douglas a surprise party Friday evening last week.

Miss Arrie Lattomus, of Townsend, and Miss Patton Cochran, of Middletown, were guests of Miss Alice McCoy, several days this week.

Miss Beulah Hodgson is visiting relatives in Smyrna.

Mrs. Susie Reynolds was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Mr. Leroy Lockerman is spending sometime with his parents here.

Miss Arrie Lattomus spent Sunday with Miss Alice McCoy, in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend, Jr., of Philadelphia, visited town recently.

Quite a number from here attended the play in Middletown on Tuesday evening.

OUR POST OFFICE ROBBED

"Yeggs" Used Dynamite and Secured \$1,274.52

While the people of Middletown were sleeping soundly Saturday morning, yeggs quietly entered our town, and after gaining an entrance into the post office through the front door by the use of dynamite, dynamited the safe and departed quickly with \$1,274.52 in stamps and cash. Of this amount \$275 was in cash while the remainder was in stamps.

The robbery occurred about two o'clock Saturday morning, and the explosion was heard by Mrs. Ella Cochran and Mrs. Rosa Weber. Mrs. Cochran resides in the house adjoining the post office building, and when the explosion occurred, thought some one had fired a revolver near the house, and gave the matter but little thought, but when the robbery was discovered the next morning, she remembered hearing men running rapidly down the street immediately after the report.

After gaining an entrance to the building, a hole was drilled in the safe on the right side of the combination, and while engaged in this work and after the hole had been drilled to a depth of several inches their drill was broken off. But this mishap did not foil the plans of the robbers, who had procured a heavy sledgehammer of the type used on the railroad.

With this tool they quickly smashed the combination on the safe door, through which they inserted dynamite or some other high explosive which blew the mechanism of the combination into atoms.

Mr. Joseph Gary, our night watchman, was at the southbound train arriving here at 12:50 A. M. It was probably while he was there that an entrance was effected to the building. This gave the yeggs an opportunity to drill the safe door after shutting themselves in the post office. The boxes in the safe containing the money and stamps were taken in their entirety. This apparently shows that an automobile was used in carrying away the booty. This is the second time the safe in the Middletown post office has been robbed, a similar burglary without the automobile accompaniment, having occurred ten years ago. At that time the combination of the safe was broken with a chisel, and "Pottsville Red" was arrested for the robbery and brought here, and could not be identified, but on his death bed two years ago he admitted he did the job.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
We publish below the financial statement of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church for 1909-1910:

Receipts	
Received, G. E. Hukill, Collector.	\$ 294.35
Received, A. G. Cox, Collector.	382.89
Received, J. C. Parker, Collector.	269.25
Received, W. M. Brockton, Collector.	127.20
Received, J. H. Emerson, Collector.	179.07
Received, M. B. Burris, Collector.	167.83
Received, Coal Collection.	148.55
Received, Plate Collection.	214.88
Due the Treasurer.	146.62
	\$1,930.64

Disbursements	
Overdraft from last year.	\$ 72.40
Rev. V. S. Collins.	1,200.00
G. S. Richards, Sexton.	125.04
Organist.	73.05
Electric Lights.	24.01
Water Rent.	29.00
Rev. R. C. Stevenson, Dist. Supt.	85.00
Work in Cemetery.	25.38
Episcopal Fund.	100.00
G. E. Hukill, Coal.	126.50
Repairs.	38.40
Moving Expenses of Dr. Collins.	60.87
Sundries.	60.87
	\$1,930.64

Benevolences	
S. S. Current Expenses.	\$ 110.20
S. S. Foreign Missionary and Church Extension.	235.00
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.	235.00
Freedmen's Aid Society.	20.00
American Bible Society.	5.00
Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	134.00
Woman's Home Miss. Society.	119.00
Confessional Fund.	100.00
Conference Academy.	20.00
Domestic Missions.	20.00
Philadelphia Hospital.	10.00
Episcopal Fund.	18.00
Children's Fund.	5.00
Board of Sunday Schools.	5.00
Confessional Fund.	10.00
Sewards' Endowment.	12.00
Conference Educational Society.	5.00
	\$1,063.20

Reconciliation	
Received, Church Current Exp.	\$1,930.64
Received, Benevolences and other Collections.	1,063.20
Received, Ladies' Mite Society.	240.00
Received and distributed by the Improvement Committee.	4,206.25
Received, Communion Service.	67.70
	\$7,50